

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **MULTIPLE SUPPLIER VOLUME PRICING SYSTEM AND METHOD** the specification of which:

☒ is attached hereto

☐ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, § 1.56(a).

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, '119 or '120 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, provisional application(s), or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, provisional application(s), or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

___ no such applications have been filed.

X such applications have been filed as follows.

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<u>U.S.</u>	<u>60/406,473</u>	<u>August 28, 2002</u>	<u>X</u> Yes ___ No
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ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION

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